

company for eight years in one capacity or another," said Mr. W. H. Field. "In that time the company has not contracted to do any wiring for the city. As far as I know, Mr. Pace, who is our foreman of construction, has had no such contracts. If he has had any, it has been done without the knowledge of the officials, and I do not believe he has done any such work."

Sold Poles to Stringer.

"I have a report of but one transaction in which the name of Mr. Pace may be in any way connected. Some time ago our purchasing department rejected fifty-six wooden poles furnished by a contractor named Wingfield. Finding that we would not use them, and that it would be expensive to move them, the contractor said to give them to Pace. With the knowledge of Mr. Stringer, his immediate superior, Mr. Pace sold sixteen of the poles to Mr. Stringer. I do not know on what work they were used, but they were poles we had rejected. The balance were disposed of or used as guy poles."

These Poles City Employment.

Mr. Pace was even more emphatic in his denial. He said last night:

"I have never had any contract for myself or for the Virginia Railway and Power Company with the city, and never presented any bill or collected any money for work done, nor do I know of any employee of the company who has done any work for the city at any time."

Mr. Pace said that in times of emergency, following storms, he had sometimes directed one of his men to string a hanging cross-arm on a pole on which were fire alarm wires, but that certainly no charge whatever had ever been made for such emergency service.

Secretary L. S. Jones, of the Fire Board, said that in all the dealing the Fire Board has had with Mr. Stringer he had thought it with the consent of the company. Mr. Jones has told the Mayor that he had telephoned to Mr. Stringer, sent him postal cards and gone to see him at the Bell Company building about city work, with no idea that there was anything secret about it or that the company did not know that Mr. Stringer was doing the work.

RENE SIMON MAKES A WORLD'S RECORD

In His Monoplane He Circles Mile Course in 57 Seconds.

New Orleans, La., December 28.—René Simon, the French aviator, this afternoon at the aviation field broke the world's record for monoplane when he circled the mile track in a twenty-five-hour wind in fifty-seven seconds flat. This is regarded as the fastest mile ever made by a monoplane under any conditions on a mile course.

The machine used was a fifty-horsepower Blériot. Flying high, John B. Moisant, made off in the direction of Lake Pontchartrain in the first event, a cross-country race. The wind at times carried Moisant at the estimated rate of ninety miles an hour, while on the return stretches the machine at times seemed to make no headway.

First Aeroplane Derby.

Aviation Field, Los Angeles, Cal., December 28.—England and France in a speed competition, defeated the United States today in the first aeroplane derby ever run. James Radley, the British champion, in a French monoplane, beat Eugene Ely, driving a Curtiss racer, and Phil Parmelee, a "Baby" Wright, in an eight and three-quarters-mile race.

He established a new record for the eight and three-quarters miles being 9:13.15, or an average of about fifty-seven miles an hour. His fastest lap was made at the rate of almost a mile a minute. Ely's time was 10:02.45, or about fifty-two miles an hour. Parmelee's time was 10:56, or about forty-nine miles an hour.

"More exhibition flying is about to pass into the realm of commonplace," said Glenn H. Curtiss to-night. "The novelty of that has worn off, and the aerobically racing will be the thing. The hand which aviation meets will consist solely of racing."

Hubert Latham made a record in recovering from disaster. His monoplane was almost completely wrecked Monday, but he had it out again to-day, making flights with his mechanic as a passenger.

Lincoln Beachey, the newest recruit to the Curtiss staff of aviators, met with disaster, his machine being completely wrecked.

Two Aviators Killed.

Isay-Les-Moulins, France, December 28.—M. Laffort, a French aviator, and M. Pola, a passenger, were instantly killed when the former's machine fell from a height of fifty feet to-day.

Laffort was preparing to start for Brussels in competition for the Automobile Club's prize for a flight with a passenger from Paris to Brussels and return.

A big crowd was present to witness the ascension, and both to entertain the spectators and test his machine. Laffort rose above the aviation field several times.

Suddenly the steering gear jammed and the aeroplane dropped to the ground. The occupants were caught in the wreckage and were dead before aid could reach them.

CRUSHED BY PRESS

Negro Badly Hurt While Handling Printing Press.

While attempting to press down into the gutter the Evans Press, colored, of 23 South Main Street, was crushed and was internally injured. The man was taken to the City Home and operated on by Dr. Marshburn. He is thought to be in a serious condition.

It is not clear how the accident happened, but from all that has been heard the press broke and Glenn was caught beneath the press, which weighed several hundred pounds. It was thought that he almost certainly will live, though it is almost certain that he will be crippled for life.

T. P. A. DINNER

Post A Will Engage in Holiday Reception Officers of Post A, Travelers Protective Association, expect the largest attendance in the history of the post at the annual Christmas reception to be held at the Main Street Hotel.

At this season a membership campaign is being conducted to build the total membership of the post to 100. The campaign is being conducted by Dr. Roy R. Smith, of the State Health Department, and President John S. Greenwood will be among the speakers.

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RIVAL GIPSY FACTIONS SEPARATED BY SHERIFF

Excitement at Camp Continues and Several Are Injured in Rioting. Leaders Expect Recruits.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Wadesboro, N. C., December 28.—The excitement in the gypsy camp, near Wadesboro, following the alleged attack on a woman by one who claimed to be Chief Mitchell, continued to-day. Sheriff Lowry has splendid control of the situation and has separated the two factions. The followers of Stephen John, who deny the authority of Chief Mitchell, have located their camp here in Wadesboro, where they will have police protection, until the Superior Court meets.

Notwithstanding the fact that the camp was guarded last night, there was considerable rioting, and several were badly beaten. There are none fatally injured, however.

The leaders say they will have several hundred friends here as soon as they can arrive by train. From all the evidence, the trouble resulted from the lack of Chief Mitchell on the followers of Stephen John. Mitchell does not seem to realize the serious charges against him and asserts complete control of the person and property of every member of his clan. Attorneys for Mitchell went to Carver to-night to apply to Judge Adams for a writ of habeas corpus.

Gibson-Leonard.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Hampton, Va., December 28.—To-day at Albany, N. Y., First Lieutenant Adelino Gibson, U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Monroe, and Miss Mabel P. Leonard were married in the home of the best man and Miss Leonard, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Gibson will come to Fort Monroe to reside after their honeymoon, which will be spent in the North.

Miss Leonard was until recently the chief librarian in the Army Library at Fort Monroe.

Saum-Watts.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Roadsboro, Va., December 28.—Ollis A. Saum and Miss Mary Watts, daughter of C. E. Watts, of the county, were married to-day at the bride's home.

Banks Pay Dividends.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Roadsboro, Va., December 28.—The Roanoke banks to-day paid off dividends amounting to \$150,000 to their stockholders.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: For Virginia—Rain Thursday; Friday rain in east, rain or snow in west portion; Saturday, cloudy with rain in east portion; moderate south winds, becoming variable.

For North Carolina—Rain Thursday, except fair in the coast; Friday rain, colder in west portion; moderate south winds.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.	
8 A. M. temperature	34
Wind direction	S. E.
Wind velocity	8
Weather	Cloudy
12 noon temperature	40
2 P. M. temperature	54
Maximum temperature up to 5	54
Minimum temperature up to 3	34
3 P. M. temperature	42
Maximum temperature up to 4	42
Weather	Cloudy
Excess in temperature since March 1	39
Deficiency in temperature since March 1	282
Accum. deficiency in temperature since January 1	238
Excess in rainfall since March 1	2.08
January 1	1.68

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.	
Place	Weather.
Kansas City	40 44 P. cloudy
Boston	34 44 P. cloudy
New York	42 44 P. cloudy
Buffalo	38 44 P. cloudy
Memphis	62 62 P. cloudy
Washington	48 50 Cloudy
St. Louis	50 50 P. cloudy
Chicago	38 44 P. cloudy
Pittsburgh	42 54 P. cloudy
Oklahoma	40 40 P. cloudy

TIDE TABLE.

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Morning tide..... 2:20

Evening tide..... 3:05

Too Late for Classification.

PITT—Died, at residence, 2333 Monument Avenue, WILLIAM H. PITT, in the eighty-first year of his age. Burial from the house FRIDAY at 3 o'clock.

SEEKS CREATION OF COMMISSION

Longworth's Tariff Bill Has Approval of Republican Party Leaders.

Washington, December 28.—Impetus to the movement for a tariff commission was given to-day by conferences at the White House and at the capitol, the return of Representative Longworth, of Ohio, to Washington, with a full draft of a bill creating a commission, and the announcement of Chairman Payne, of the House Committee on Ways and Means, that he expected such legislation before March 4 next.

Following a conference with the President over various features for the legislative program for this session, Mr. Payne, who is Republican floor leader of the House, announced that he was quite sure a bill for a permanent tariff commission acceptable to both Congress and the President would be put through the Senate and House before this session when Democratic leadership begins. Mr. Payne had a conference with Henry Emery, of the tariff board, regarding personnel and salaries of the proposed commission.

Embodying features of the tariff commission bills Senators Beveridge, of Indiana, and La Follette, of Wisconsin, introduced at the last session of Congress and of Woods, of Iowa, and Lengua, of Wisconsin, at this session, and following conferences with a number of representatives before the holiday recess, Mr. Longworth, who is a member of the Ways and Means Committee, has drawn a bill which he expects to introduce next week.

The measure creates a commission of five members, salaried at \$7,500 each, not more than three of the same political party, with offices at Washington, but empowered to meet anywhere. It is given wide powers of collection and collation of facts.

The commission is authorized to require confidential data from corporations as to any certain subject, but must never disclose the source of such data, and must especially safeguard such data from competitive interests.

Important provision of the Longworth bill is a section authorizing the committee to investigate the cost of production of all articles covered by the tariff with special reference to the prices paid domestic and foreign labor, the prices paid for raw materials, whether domestic or imported, entering into the manufacture of articles, the condition of domestic and foreign markets affecting the domestic products, including detailed information of the cost and of every element, together with all other facts which, in the commission's judgment, will be helpful to Congress in providing equitable rates on any articles, and aiding the President and other officials in administering the customs laws.

One section re-enacts the maximum and minimum clause of the Aldrich-Payne tariff law.

Mr. Longworth and Means Committee will take up the commission question very soon after Congress reconvenes.

ARGUE SCHOOL LOCATION

Court Will Hear Argument Between Factions To-day.

Counsel for the State left Richmond last night for Salem, where the injunction case involving the location of the school Normal School at Radford will be argued to-day before Judge Moffat. Factions are warring over whether the institution shall be on the Adams site, as originally contemplated, or on the 12th site, selected by the board of directors.

Speaker Byrd made the point in his defense of the location of the school, that it was not for Radford, but for the State, and that it was the business of no one where it was put so that the location is suitable.

Mr. Flood Here.

Representative H. D. Flood, of the Tenth District, was in Richmond yesterday on his way to his home at Appomattox from Winchester, where he spent Christmas.

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